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Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2019

Dear Parents,

As you are already aware, this year we have been implementing the PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education) Programme “Jigsaw” across our school. These lessons are building children’s emotional literacy, self-esteem and knowledge of who they are and how they relate to each other and the world in a positive and healthy way. We are sure you will have heard about the Jigsaw Friends and the chime used in the Calm Me time.

The Summer Term Puzzles (units) are about Relationships (term 5) and Changing Me (term 6).

The Changing Me Puzzle in term 6 includes, in every year group, two or three lessons to help children understand the changes puberty brings and how human reproduction happens. There is a very serious safeguarding aspect to this work in terms of supporting our children to have the appropriate knowledge and feel empowered to keep themselves safe. Obviously, the Owls and Kites children are not looking at these issues directly and explicitly, but rather learning correct terminology for body parts and doing the foundation work for learning that will follow in later year groups. Hawks children find out how babies grow into adults and are introduced to the word puberty and the changes this brings to the human body. Eagles children will look more fully at puberty and reproduction.

As the materials are new and original, we warmly invite you to attend an information session at school where we will give you a transparent and comprehensive picture of what we are planning to teach in each base.

Date	Time	Venue
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	19:00-20:00	School Hall
OR		
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	09:15-10:15	School Hall

We hope you will agree that this work is vitally important for children, that it needs to be done age-appropriately and that the Jigsaw Programme gives us a secure framework in which to do this. We do, as always, want to work in partnership with parents and carers, and also wish to remind you of your right to withdraw your children from this aspect of the PSHE curriculum. If you do choose to withdraw your child following this presentation, we require notice in writing by Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2019. We hope you, like us, will see the materials in Jigsaw as educationally sound and beneficial to our children, and will look forward to sharing them with you and answering any questions you may have.

To reserve your place at the presentation, we are using the online booking system.

Link to: <https://johnevangelist.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/>

Event – Jigsaw Presentation

If you wish to attend the evening presentation but are unable to arrange childcare, on this occasion we have arranged for school staff to operate a childcare service. As places are limited, this will operate on a first come, first served basis. If you would like to use this facility, please email the school office with your child’s name and age.

Yours sincerely,

Headteacher